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SUBJECT: MILAN PCI CONGRESS

1. BERLINGUER'S CLOSING SPEECH PROVIDED TRIUMPHANT CULMINATION TO CONSTANT THEME OF CONGRESS OF DRIVE TOWARD COMPROMESSO STORICO WHICH WAS HAMMERED HOME BY EVERY SPEAKER.

2. CORRIERE ACCOUNT ACCURATELY COVERS GENERAL THRUST BERLINGUER SPEECH BUT FAILS CONVEY REAL ANGER EXPRESSED OVER EXTREME LEFT WHICH BERLINGUER REFUSED ADMIT WAS REALLY LEFTIST (COSIDETTE BRIGATE ROSSE) AND WHICH HE IMPLIED WAS TOOL OF CAMPAIGN TO ISOLATE TRADITIONAL PARTIES OF LEFT.

3. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BERLINGUER MENTIONED BUT FAILED CONDEMN MILITARY BLOCKS AND US/USSR RELATIONS. HE CRITICIZED THE PASSIVITY OF ITALIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS (ATTENDISMO) AND CALLED FOR A POLICY WHICH WOULD ALLY ITALIAN WORKING CLASS WITH THOSE OF WESTERN EUROPE. HE CAREFULLY UNDERLINED INDEPENDENCE OF PCI FROM ANY INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND MAINTAINED IT SERVED ONLY THE INTERESTS OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE.

4. MAJOR IMPACT OF SPEECH OMITTED IN PRESS WAS CLOSING PRAISE OF CONTRIBUTION OF PCI TO SOCIAL STABILITY AND
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PROGRESS.

5. COMMENT: GIANNI CERVETTI, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, CLSOED
OPENING SPEECH OF CONGRESS WITH "WITH THIS CONGRESS WE
RAISE THE OBJECTIVE OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF
MILAN AND LOMBARDY IN WHICH ALL CONSTRUCTIVE SOCIAL FORCES
AND ALL DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FORCES WILL PARTICIPATE WITH
COMMUNISTS". THIS WAS REPEATED WITH SUCH REGULARITY THAT
IT WOULD APPEAR BERLINGUER ET AL WERE DOCUMENTING UNANIMOUS
MILANESE SUPPORT FOR COMPROMESSO STORICO IN PREPARATION
FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS.GOOLD

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